

30 July 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 30 July 1979

The Director chaired the meeting. Mr. Carlucci was on leave.

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In response to the Director's query on the Egypt-Libya situation, Lehman said there is no new intelligence to report. Both he and Bowie suggested, however, that something should be published as a follow-on to the Alert Memorandum (June) to highlight implications of the current situation. Relatedly, the Director noted Egypt's Army Chief of Staff will be visiting the U.S. 5-16 August.

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Stein reported an Afghan gun battalion has surrendered to rebel forces; he said the significance is that it occurred near the capital city of Kabul. He reported also on a GOA note to the U.S. embassy asking for a reduction in U.S. embassy personnel, specifically to include those who have arrived since the uprising.

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Hetu said he reviewed columnist Jack Anderson's material which deals with the Glennon Report (see Staff Meeting Minutes of 27 July) and found no serious problems.

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Bowie reported on SS-11 ICBM equipment at Riga (former MR/IRBM training facility). He said the nature of this activity, underway since April, is not yet clear, but is being followed closely.

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Following up on his staff meeting comments of 27 July, Taylor highlighted the increasing probability of sharp debate in Congressional authorization of Reserve Releases and the Contingency Reserve Fund level. He urged the Director to give serious consideration to the problem and advised there are ideas now in the mill which may call for additional Reserve Releases.

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Hitz said the Senate Armed Services hearing on 27 July went very well. He added that testimony in the weeks ahead will focus on the narrowing of issues. The Director said he will discuss this at his session this afternoon with SALT support officers.

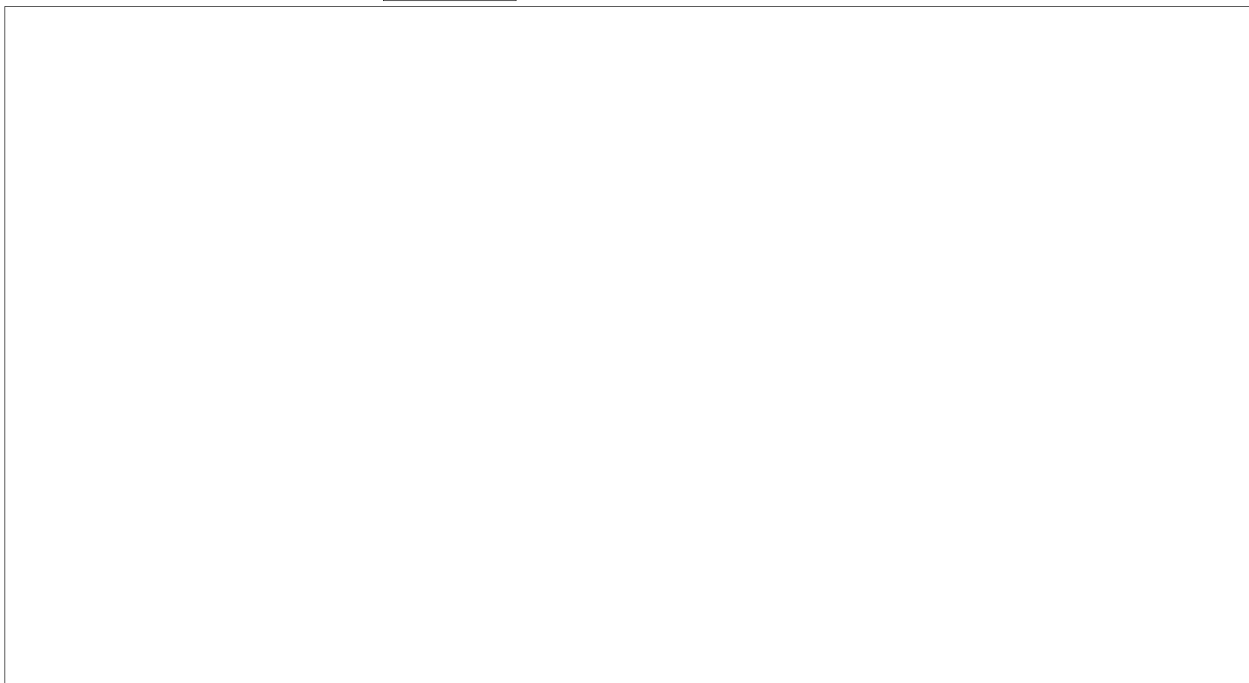
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Hitz advised that for the 1 August SFRC hearing on the Backfire Bomber, appearance by Community principals may not be necessary, that appearance by Ev Hineman and some of our Agency experts might be sufficient. The Director said he would consult with Community principals, e.g., Admiral Inman and Hans Mark. []

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The Director said he talked to SFRC's Bader on Saturday re testimony on the Backfire, noting also an agreement there will be no Director of Central Intelligence public appearance (e.g., TV) for a SALT statement. He said, however, there are "back-door pressures" for questions for the record. For example, Senator Exon (Neb.) wants to pose several questions in order to satisfy his constituents: Hitz advised we try to let this go away. []

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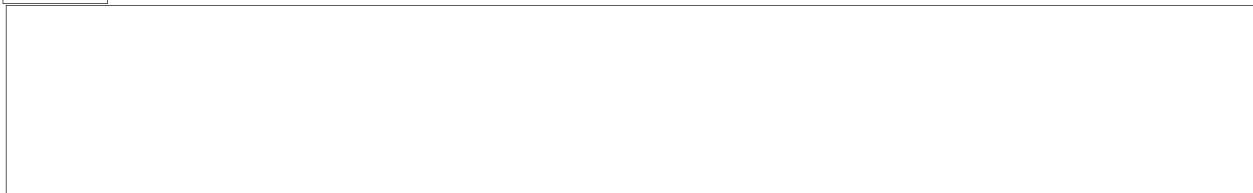
Referring to a discussion with OMB's Cutler re the NFIP guidance figures for 1981, the Director asked Koehler to prepare a point paper to Cutler emphasizing the need for a higher figure and in some way include a figure range between [] Discussion followed on OMB sensitivity to Representative Nunn's amendment and the fact that Hill committees have asked repeatedly if intelligence resources are adequate.

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The Director said that at an NSC meeting last week, he was asked if we are going to prepare an intelligence report on Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Bowie said he would look into it toward preparation of a "tutorial" for policy officials interested in the situation in that area. []

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The Director called attention to Les Aspin's press release of NFAC's oil report (unclassified paragraphs extracted from the report). Hitz advised that in the near future a DCI-Aspin meeting should be arranged to discourage Aspin's persistent releases of intelligence information to the press. Though not advisable, it was suggested all paragraphs in future reports may have to be classified at least CONFIDENTIAL to prevent press release.

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The Director said SALT will be a continuing priority on his calendar this week; he noted that Mr. Carlucci will be on leave this week and next week.

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Hetu reported Tad Szulc's article "Shaking Up The CIA" in the New York Times on 29 July turned out to be not too inflammatory. The Director said, appreciatively, this is the result of persistent initiatives by Hetu and others with Szulc.

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